Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Tuesday 11 Apr 2023 until 23:59 on Wednesday 12 Apr 2023

Forecast Issued on Monday 10 Apr 2023 at 14:46 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for general trends, lower for detail especially on Wednesday.

Headline for Tuesday 11 Apr 2023: Bright or sunny intervals and a few showers, snow on higher slopes. Gales, cloud, rain and hill snow setting in from late afternoon or early evening with summit blizzards.

Mountain weather hazards on Tuesday 11 Apr 2023

Blizzards
Low Likelihood

Gales
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
Low Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Medium Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
Medium Likelihood

Storm force winds
Low Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Strong sunlight
Medium Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m

Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Light snow showers (night)	Heavy snow	Light snow	Light snow showers	Sunny intervals	Cloudy	Light snow	Heavy snow
Precipitation probability							
30%	50%	70%	40%	20%	10%	70%	90%

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Weather: Showers, wintry on summits overnight and into the morning, becoming isolated by afternoon with some sunny intervals for a time. Cloud thickening to bring rain and summit sleet to Arran around mid afternoon extending north into the Southwest Highlands late afternoon and early evening, where the snow level will be nearer 500m, with blizzards eventually developing at higher elevations in the strengthening east or southeasterly gales.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 40% early hours into the morning rising 75% by afternoon, then falling quickly to 20% or less late afternoon and evening.

Low Cloud and visibility: Occasional cloud to 700m early hours and into the morning becming patchy above 1000m for a time, then widespread cloud then developing at 750m with patches to 600m by early evening, with poor visibility at lower levels in heavier rain, very poor in snow and summit blizzards.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	21/26 SW	17/22 SW	16/21 SW	20/27 SW	18/25 SW	18/24 S	33/43 SE	47/62 E	36/49 E
900	15/21 W	14/19 SW	13/18 SW	16/23 SW	14/20 SW	14/20 S	25/35 SE	33/47 E	27/41 E
600	16/21 SW	14/19 SW	14/19 SW	17/24 SW	17/24 SW	14/20 S	30/38 SE	36/49 E	29/40 E
300	9/13 SW	9/15 SW	8/14 SW	12/19 SW	9/15 S	9/15 S	17/28 SE	21/35 E	17/31 E
Glen	4/11 SW	5/12 SW	5/13 SW	9/17 SW	8/16 SW	7/15 S	8/18 E	12/28 NE	14/29 E

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-3/-11	-3/-10	-4/-10	-3/-11	-3/-10	-1/-8	-2/-11	-4/-14	-4/-13
900	-1/-7	-1/-6	-1/-7	-1/-7	0/-5	2/-3	1/-6	-1/-9	-1/-9
600	2/-4	1/-4	1/-4	1/-4	2/-3	5/0	4/-2	2/-5	1/-6
300	4/0	3/-0	3/-0	3/-1	5/2	7/5	6/2	4/-1	3/-2
Glen	5/4	5/3	5/3	6/3	8/6	9/8	8/6	6/3	5/1
Freezing Level*	700m	700m	700m	700m	700m	700m	700m	700m	700m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Beware of quickly deteriotating conditions later in the day.

Forecast for Wednesday 12 Apr 2023
Weather: Mainly cloudy with outbreaks of snow, with rain or sleet below 500m. Some bright or sunny intervals may develop. Low confidence in detail.

Maximum wind: South or southwest 35 gusts 45mph decreasing in afternoon.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 20% rising 50%

Low Cloud and visibility: Frequent cloud to 700m with poor visibility within showers to lower levels, but occasionally good visibility in drier spells with some breaks in the cloud possible later.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 3 at dawn rising to Plus 9 Celsius in sunnier spells, though dropping in showers.
At 800m: Minus 3 Celsius
Freezing level: 600m

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